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Mr. Robert D. Drachuk
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Cambrian Fossil Project,
S/027/014, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Drachuk:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on May 19, 1995. The application for the proposed Mineral/ Fossil Lease # 42750 Project, located in the SE1/4 NE1/4, of SW1/4 NE1/4, of NW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 2, T17S., R13W., SLBM, Millard County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

You have requested variances to items 11, 12, 13, and 14. An inspection of the site will be required because variances are requested. This will occur prior to granting final approval of the SMO. During our inspection later this month, probably during the last week of June, we will inspect the area and decide if the variances should be granted. Since you are assuming liability for the site, you will be held responsible for past disturbance.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.



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A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. Mr. Munson of the Division staff and Mr. Will Stokes of SITLA will examine the site sometime in June to determine if the variances can be granted prior to granting final approval of the SMO. We will contact you prior to this inspection, so you may accompany us.

Sincerely,



Tom Munson
Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure
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